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PROJECT UNDER MEDIA LAB ASIA
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government propose to start Info. lab, chicken cad and Info-trans scheme in the markets of Lucknow and Kanpur under Media Lab Asia Project;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGYAND COMMUNICATIONS(SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN)

(a),(b) & (c): Media Lab Asia has identified Lucknow-Kanpur beltas one of the hubs for the initial set of projects of theMedia Lab Asia. This hub is planned to be centrered at IndianInstituteof Technology-Kanpur. The projects viz. CHIKAN-CAD,INFO-THELA, SUCHIK AND INFOTRANS are so far identified to becarried out at this hub by Media Lab Asia.

The objective of the CHIKANCAD project is todemonstrate the connectivity between rural artisans and the outside world. The goal of this project is to provide simple design tools to designers from village or from outside, transmit these designs to village level, print these designs using low-cost, robust printers and provide them to the workers who will do the embroidery.

The objective of the INFO-THELA is to provide mobile ITservices to common people on thelas (cycle or tricycle) like postal services, news services, banking services media services, business transactions services, educational services entertainment services etc. at places like railway-stations, bus-stands, bazaars, court, collectorate etc.

The objective of SUCHIKproject is to develop appropriate Information Technology based tools, which can be used for creating new comic books for children and display them on computers.

The objective of the INFOTRANS project is to usethe Information Technology and Global Positioning Systems for condition monitoring and diagnostics of trains of the Indian Railways for improving the disaster control measures.